

B. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A computer-implemented method for secure password entry, comprising:

displaying a password prompt comprising a changing stream of random characters, wherein a particular character within said changing stream of random characters is displayed at a visibly detectable higher frequency; and

receiving input to increment or decrement said particular character to reach a password character of a password.

Claim 2 (Original): The method according to claim 1 for secure password entry, further comprising:

displaying a plurality of character positions, wherein a stream of random characters is displayed in each of said plurality of character positions, wherein a particular position from among said plurality of character positions provides said password prompt.

Claim 3 (Original): The method according to claim 2 for secure password entry, further comprising:

adjusting which character position from among said plurality of character positions provides said password prompt.

Claim 4 (Original): The method according to claim 2 for secure password entry, further comprising:

adjusting a number of said plurality of character positions.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1 for secure password entry, further comprising:

responsive to receiving input of a character selection input for selecting indicating that said particular character, selecting said particular character as said password character from among a plurality of separately selectable password characters of said password; and

responsive to receiving input of a password completion character indicating that said password is complete, securely passing each separately selected password character of said password to a requesting software layer.

Claim 6 (Original): The method according to claim 1 for secure password entry, further comprising:

responsive to receiving a request for a password from a software layer within a data processing system, invoking a password entry controller from within said data processing system, wherein said password entry controller controls said displaying said password prompt and said receiving input to increment or decrement said particular character.

Claim 7 (Original): The method according to claim 1 for secure password entry, further comprising:

responsive to receiving, at a client system, a request for a password entry from a server system from which said client system is attempting to access a resource, invoking a password entry controller from within said data processing system, wherein said password entry controller controls said displaying said password prompt and said receiving input to increment or decrement said particular character.

Claim 8 (Original): The method according to claim 1 for secure password entry, further comprising:

generating said stream of random characters, wherein said particular character is randomly selected.

Claim 9 (Original): The method according to claim 1 for secure password entry, further comprising:

adjusting a frequency percentage at which said particular character is displayed in said stream of random characters.

Claims 10-25 (Canceled).